

Downtown Waycross Development Authority
Board Meeting
Minutes from March 19, 2024
6:15 P.M.

Members Present: Chair – Jack Lott, Vice Chair - Kathryn Taylor, Mayor Michael-Angelo James Marla Howell, Thomas Simpson, Clay Lee

Not Present: County Commissioner Jerry Pope

Staff Present: Laura Dixon - Director

Guest:

1. **Called Meeting to Order-** Jack Lott called the Board Meeting to order at approximately 6:15 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Invocation –** Mayor James
4. **Approval of Agenda –** Mayor James motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Thomas Simpson seconds the motion. All in favor. Agenda approved.
5. **Approval of Minutes-** Thomas Simpson motions for approval, Mayor James seconds. All in favor. Minutes Approved.
6. **Financial Report –** Mayor James motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Tanya Miller seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

Commissioner Pope Updates:

Mayor Michael Angelo James Update: Mayor James informed the board of the positive movement forward within the city with the help of the City Manager. The city has started a YouTube channel to provide more access to meetings and updates.

Director Report/Update: Laura Dixon gave an updated schedule of Certification courses and a breakdown of previous courses completed. Dixon updated the board of two new tenants in the Depot building, two new businesses moving downtown, and current projects including the Waycross Journal Herald building and the Fashion Shoppe building. The board was also brought current with the new Square system for payments.

Guest Speaker:

NEW BUSINESS:

The Lyric: Director Dixon informed the board of the current standing regarding the Lyric Theatre. The City as well as the DWDA are looking into options to rehabilitate the theatre to best fit the community's needs.

OLD BUSINESS:

Employee Handbook: Board discusses certain topics to be included in the final handbook.

Mayor James motions to adjourn meeting, Marla Howell seconds. All in favor.

Jack Lott adjourns the meeting.